

Monthly Highlights

Be Prepared! The 2022 Hurricane Season Begins



The Town of Edisto Beach completed its annual update of its Emergency Operations Plan in preparation of the upcoming season. Staff participated in a joint exercise with Colleton County to ensure we are ready to provide the best service to our residents and visitors. The Town is hosting a hurricane preparedness public meeting on May 26 at 11:30 am at the Civic Center.

Prepare now. Don't wait.

Information is available on the following websites:

<https://www.fema.gov/blog/hurricane-preparedness-week-are-you-ready>

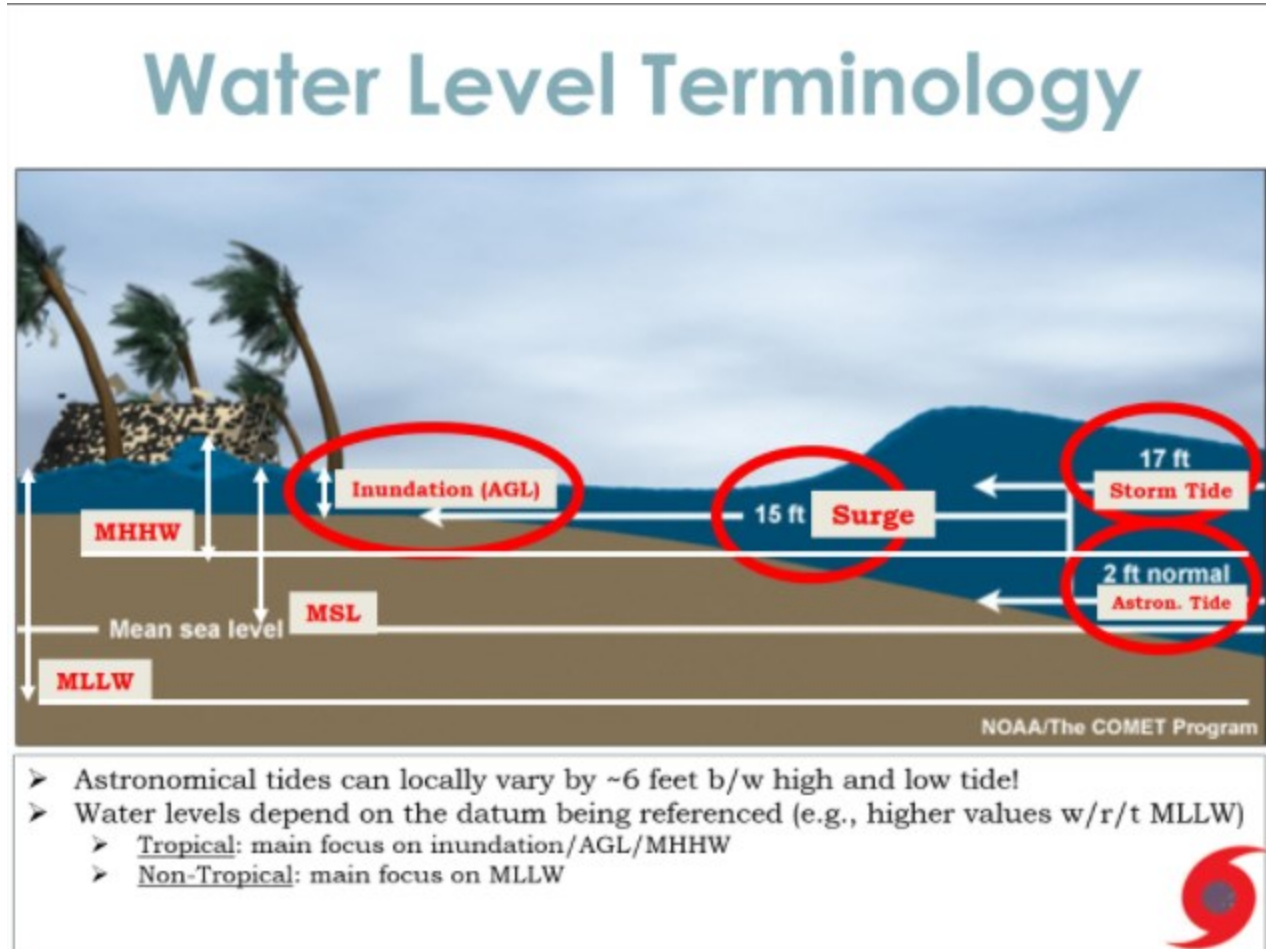
<https://www.scemd.org/prepare/your-emergency-plan/>

<https://hurricane.sc/>

Critical Flood Terminology for Hurricane Season

Have you ever had questions when listening to a National Weather Service news report about flooding and did not understand the terminology. If you are a visual person, this graphic will help you understand storm tide versus surge versus inundation.

MHHW (Mean Higher High Water) MLLW (Mean Lower Low Water) AGL (Above Ground Level)



Promotions

Assistant Chief Paul “Daniel” Seyle is a native of the Low-country and a graduate of the University of South Carolina with a bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice. Chief Seyle began his law enforcement career with the University of South Carolina Police Department in 2008. In 2013 Chief Seyle began his career with the Town of Edisto Beach Police Department. Chief Seyle has risen through the ranks as a sergeant and lieutenant handling various critical positions such as the Department’s training officer, NCIC Coordinator, specific skills instructor, and a member of the Edisto Beach Marine Rescue Team.





Meet Judge Morrison Payne

Judge Payne was sworn in on April 28 and will hold her first court on Edisto May 19. She is an experienced judge and we are excited to welcome her.

Special Projects Coordinator

Welcome Jennifer Re-vill who is the Town's new Special Project's Coordinator. She is a graduate from the College of Charleston and lives on Edisto. She comes to us filled with ideas and ready to take on new challenges. She will be handling events at Bay Creek Park and the Civic Center.



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Lt. Casey Herring is a native of Barnwell South Carolina and graduated from the University of South Carolina Aiken with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. Lt. Herring began her law enforcement career with the City of Barnwell Police Department in 2011 and worked for the Barnwell County Sheriff's Office as a shift investigator before leaving Barnwell for sunny Edisto Beach. In 2017 Lt. Herring joined the Town of Edisto Beach Police Department where she has made an invaluable impact on the community, through enforcement actions, enhancing the field training program, creating internal systems, and serving as a cross-trained member of the Edisto Beach Fire Department.

Sewer Moratorium Update

Due to the receipt of only one bid for the Lift Station A and B Upgrade project that was double the budgeted amount, the decision was made to proceed with the upgrade of Lift Station B and apply for additional SC Rural Infrastructure grant funds to complete the upgrade to Lift Station A and the force main.

New Fire Department Engineer

Give an Edisto welcome to Mark Lane who joins the Edisto Beach Fire Department as a Fire Engineer June 15. He brings years of experience and training to Edisto Beach from Knoxville, Tennessee where he worked as a master firefighter and advanced EMT.



For those who missed it, the first lunar eclipse of 2022 took place on May 15. This picture of the lunar eclipse also known as a "super blood moon" was taken with a spotting scope and was visible on Edisto Beach.

Maximizing Town Funds

The Town maximizes tax dollars by applying for grants. If the Town receives the applied for grants in 2022 -2023, this will bring in additional funding of \$608,878 for operational and capital improvements on Edisto Beach. The Edisto Team is working for you!

In addition to the grants listed below, the Municipal Association of SC provides mini grants for safety equipment which the Town applies for reimbursement.

Grant Name	Request Items	Grantor Funding	Match Funding
JAG	Purchase and Integration of RMS to Central Square (Colleton County's System)	\$59,850.00	\$6,650.00 10% Match
Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program	Purchase of eight (8) in-car computers and eight (8) docking stations	\$21,200.00	\$0.00
SCDPS Body-Worn Camera Grant	Request for reimbursement of one (1) new body camera, software maintenance for eight (8) body cameras, and warranty for one (1) body Camera*	\$2,597.60	\$0.00
BJA Leahy Bullet Proof Vest Grant	Reimbursement for the purchase cost of five (5) new bullet proof vest and carriers	\$4,837.86	\$0.00
Recreation Trail Program	Town-wide Trailhead Establishment with Bathroom at Jungle Road Park (Expect to be awarded)	\$100,000	\$70,775 (at least 20%)
Building Resilient Infrastructure Grant	Interior Lagoon Study	\$100,000	
Hazard Mitigation Grant	Interior Lagoon Study Annex	\$100,000	\$10,000
Land Water Conservation Fund	Vine Street Bike Path Repaving	\$125,000	\$125,000
South Carolina Department of Natural Resources	Burley L. Lyons Boardwalk (Intend to apply)	\$50,000	\$0
FEMA 4492DR (Covid-19)	FEMA Covid-19 Reimbursement Grant	\$3,736	\$0
Assistance to Firefighters Grant	Replace Turnout Gear	\$41,657	\$2,082

Lattes with Law Enforcement at Edge Café July 20 and August 24, 9-10 am
